



# Right Face



Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

September/October 2001 Newsletter

## Words of Inspiration

"A group of people committed to a shared vision can accomplish the impossible. "

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## Safety Tip of the Month

*Be sure to do a thorough pre-flight on your vehicle before departure. It just might save your life!*



## Squadron of the Year!

By Capt Doug Jansen



*2Lt Kelly Calhoun receives a Commander's Commendation from Col. Rex Glasgow at the Iowa Wing Conference in Ames.*



*Members of the Central Iowa Composite receive the 2001 Iowa Wing Non-Flying Squadron of the Year Award at the Iowa Wing Conference in Ames.*

2001 was a record-breaking year for the Central Iowa Composite Squadron. On 12-14 October 2001, the squadron hosted the 2001 Iowa Wing Conference. The last time the squadron had hosted this activity was in October 1976. During the 1976 Wing Conference the squadron took home the cadet of the year, senior member of the year, and squadron of the year honors leaving large shoes for the squadron to live up to in 2001. The squadron rose to the occasion. During the awards banquet on Saturday night the squadron started off the night by earning five commander's commendations. Capt. John Halbrook, Capt. Doug Jansen, 2Lt. Kelly Calhoun, C/Maj. Darius Robinson, and C/SMSgt. Lauren Seruya earned commander's commendations for their support of the Iowa Wing in 2001. That in itself is an accomplishment for our squadron, but it was not enough. C/Maj. Darius Robinson was selected as the 2001 Iowa Wing Cadet Officer of the Year. C/Maj. Robinson beat out a field of the wing's best and brightest cadet officers for the honor. Capt. Doug Jansen earned the 2001 Iowa Wing Senior Member of the Year Honor. Capt. Jansen thanked the squadron and all of the people who helped him with the multitude of projects he ran during the year. Finally, the squadron was awarded the Brigadier General William B. Cass Award, recognizing them as the 2001 Iowa Wing Non-Flying Squadron of the Year for the second year in a row. The squadron hosted several wing activities during 2001, increased membership, and helped staff several other wing activities.

The Wing Conference raised the standard for Iowa Wing Conferences. There were over 20 seminars for members to choose from attending during the day. Members choose from topics such as Risk Management, Recruiting and Retention, Professional Development, Disaster Preparedness, and Aerospace Education. During the general session Col. Glasgow addressed the wing about the recent attacks in New York and Washington D.C. Central Iowa Composite Squadron and the East Iowa Cadet Squadron sponsored a joint color guard to present and retire the colors during the general session and awards banquet.

## Seniors Learn to Lead!



*Graduates of the fall Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course directed by **Capt. Jansen** and **Capt. Halbrook** at Camp Dodge in September.*

In the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy the future of the fall Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course at Camp Dodge was uncertain. Capt. John Halbrook and Capt. Doug Jansen, directors of the school, decided to move forward with the school to give the students something to do after the attacks.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> nine members of Iowa Wing completed Squadron Leadership School (required for Level 2) or Corporate Learning Course (required for Level 3) at Camp Dodge ANG, Johnston, IA. These motivated volunteers received hands on training in all of CAP's mission areas. Instructors included Lt Col Robert Wacholtz, IA/NE Liaison Officer, Lt Col Steve Palmquist, former IAWG Director of Aerospace, Col Rex Glasgow, IAWG Commander, Lt Col Doug Tindal, IAWG Legal Officer, Lt Col Ralph Tomlinson, IA091 Operations Officer, Maj Brandon Butters, IA002 Admin and Logistics Officer, Capt John Halbrook, IAWG Director of Emergency Services, Capt Doug Jansen, IA091 Commander, Capt Suzanne Tomlinson, IA091 Aerospace Education Officer, 1Lt Jim Smith, IA002 Moral Leadership Officer, 2Lt Richard See, IA092 Finance Officer and IAWG Director of Aerospace Education, and TFO Theresa Reuter, IA043 Deputy Commander for Cadets. The next SLS/CLC for Iowa Wing is tentatively scheduled to be in the early Spring of 2002 at Camp Dodge.

## Central Iowa Starts New Units

This fall several new Civil Air Patrol units have begun to form in Western Iowa. The Northwest Iowa Composite Flight in Sioux Center (about 30 minutes north of Sioux City) formed at the end of October. The Des Moines Composite Squadron is making a change. They have separated their cadet group and moved them out to Camp Dodge with the hopes that they will grow and separate into the Camp Dodge Cadet Squadron. In September our squadron helped the new group in Storm Lake and have now taken their flight under our wing to help them to grow to charter. Under the leadership of CAP SSgt. Kern Kemp, the flight has recruited over 15 new members and has been holding regular meetings since mid-September. Recently Capt. Jansen, C/SSgt. Frantz, and C/Amn Richardson spent a Saturday at Storm Lake taking seniors and cadets through their orientation training.



**Capt. Tomlinson** discusses CAP's Aerospace Education Program at the Squadron Leadership School.

## ELT's Search Unfruitful

On Saturday night, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the SLS/CLC staff was alerted to an ELT going off in the Oskaloosa Area. Col. Gene Kellogg, Incident Commander, dispatched an aircrew from Davenport and the staff at the school dispatched a ground team lead by Capt. Doug Jansen. The signal ceased and the teams were RTB'ed upon reaching the area. Team members included 2Lt Brandon Hanson (IA092), TFO Theresa Reuter (IA043), and C/SSgt. Sean Frantz (IA002).

## Flight Clinic

For CAP Safety comes first. The Wing annually hosts a flight clinic for CAP pilots and aircrew members to raise awareness of safety issues for our crews. The Cedar Rapids Senior Squadron hosted this year's Flight Clinic at the Siemens Center at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Lt. Col. Ralph Tomlinson and Capt. Doug Jansen flew CAP Flight 1376 to the flight clinic in Iowa City on 22 October to participate in the training.



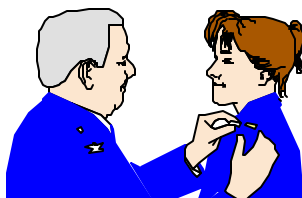
**Capt. Jansen** and **Cy** deep in thought at the Wing Awards Banquet in Ames.

## New Iowa Director of Emergency Services

Capt. John Halbrook has been appointed as the new Iowa Wing Director of Emergency Services. Capt. Halbrook relieves long-time Iowa Wing Director of Emergency Service Major Don Hahn. Capt. Halbrook has a large task ahead of him with the conversion to the new CAPR 60-3 emergency services system. In order to remain current members need to request a converted 101 card and also complete the new CAPT 116, General ES Questionnaire. Our squadron is 100% done with the new card requests and only a few members have not completed the new CAPT 116.

## Promotions

**Kelly Calhoun to 1Lt**  
**Troy Ruffin to TFO**  
**Justin Pedersen to C/SMSgt**  
**Drew Schlosser to C/Amn**



## Commander's Corner

With the holiday season approaching rapidly I would like to take a brief moment to reflect on our successes this year. Just a few short years ago we started this squadron with just a handful of members. We were meeting at various locations and did not have a home, vehicle, or much of anything. This year we have acquired our own office giving us the ability to add stability to our program and give us a central place to coordinate our programs. In addition to the Bronco we received early in 2000, this year we have received a van to support our growing cadet program and facilitate our DRMO supply program. This year we've kept the General Cass Plaque in Ames, earned 2 major wing awards, and gathered a number of commander's commendations. We dual-chartered as a Boy Scout Venture Crew in early 2001, forging yet another partner in our quest for excellence. In September we took a unit under our wing, a first step for our new unit. We have helped the Storm Lake Flight grow to over 15 members and begin down the path toward squadron charter. With 2002 coming soon I hope that you will help us to improve on our current successes and prepare for the challenges ahead. I thank each and every one of you for what you have done this year and ask that you continue to give to our squadron during our time of growth. Please continue to keep up the good work and let's plan on keeping the Cass Award for another year!

## New Members

**Maj Jack Barber**  
**SM Dale Carver**  
**SM Gary Colvin**  
**1Lt Dennis Dahl**  
**Cadet Karla Fairchild**  
**SM Gerald Hansen**  
**SSgt Kern Kemp**  
**Cadet Nick Sand**  
**SM James Winterton**  
**SM Layton Zylstra**

**Cadet Austin Brown**  
**Cadet Kevin Carver**  
**Cadet Justin Colvin**  
**SM Vince Dasta**  
**Cadet Kylee Fairchild**  
**Maj John Hawkinson**  
**SM David Nathaniel**  
**SM James Schlosser**  
**Cadet Erek Wright**  
**Cadet Matt Zylstra**

**Total Members:**

**36**





Upcoming Schedule			Squadron Staff	
Date	Activity	Location	Position	Name
6 Nov	Meeting: ML, AE	Ames Airport	<b>Commander</b>	Capt. Jansen
<b>10-11 Nov</b>	<b>AFRCC Search Management Course</b>	<b>Lincoln, NE</b>	<b>Deputy Commander for Cadets</b>	1Lt. Calhoun
13 Nov	Meeting: SE, AE	Ames Airport	<b>Deputy Commander for Seniors</b>	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
<b>17 Nov</b>	<b>Communications School</b>	<b>Ames Airport</b>	<b>Cadet Commander</b>	C/Maj. Robinson
20 Nov	Meeting: CPFT, AE	Ames Airport	<b>Admin</b>	Maj. Hawkinson
27 Nov	Meeting: Tour of Boone AAST	Boone AASF	<b>Aerospace Ed.</b>	Capt. S. Tomlinson
28 Nov	FATS Training	Camp Dodge	<b>Communications</b>	Maj. Hawkinson
4 Dec	Meeting: ML, AE, LL	Ames Airport	<b>Emergency Services</b>	TFO Ruffin
<b>8 Dec</b>	<b>Color Guard Competition</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Finance</b>	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
11 Dec	Meeting: SE, AE, LL	Ames Airport	<b>Historian</b>	Capt. Halbrook
18 Dec	Holiday Party	Ames	<b>Logistics</b>	1Lt. Calhoun
8 Jan	Meeting: ML, AE, LL	Ames Airport	<b>Moral Leadership</b>	Capt. S. Tomlinson
<b>12 Jan</b>	<b>NCSA Selection Board</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Operations</b>	Lt. Col. R. Tomlinson
15	Meeting: SE, AE, LL	Ames Airport	<b>Personnel</b>	TFO Ruffin
<b>19</b>	<b>Radmon Tabletop</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Public Affairs</b>	Capt. Jansen
22	Meeting: TBD	Ames Airport	<b>Recruiting</b>	C/Maj. Robinson
29	Meeting: CPFT	Ames Airport	<b>Safety</b>	Capt. Halbrook
<b>9-10 Feb</b>	<b>Train the Trainer</b>	<b>Sioux City, NE</b>	<b>Testing</b>	Capt. S. Tomlinson

### Reminders:

- ❑ No meeting 25 December and 1 January
- ❑ Be sure to take your new General ES Test Online ASAP
- ❑ Check out the wing website for the latest changes to the proposed 2002 Wing Calendar.

### Projects In Progress:

- ❑ Training New Volunteers!!!
- ❑ Renewing our Boy Scout Venture Crew Charter
- ❑ Making Preparations for the 2002 Wing Ding
- ❑ Helping Storm Lake find a warm place to meet
- ❑ Winterizing the vehicles
- ❑ Learning the new CAP O-flight program



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